



MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

If you want to file a...

SMALL CLAIMS COUNTERCLAIM





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A counterclaim is a claim made by the defendant against the plaintiff. A counterclaim should be filed at the same time the defendant's answer is filed (Refer to the Small Claims Answer packet). **If you have already filed an answer**, you must request permission (of the court) to file a counterclaim.

If the amount of your **counterclaim exceeds \$2500.00**, the case will be **transferred to the civil division of the justice court**. If the amount of the counterclaim **exceeds \$9,999.99** the case will be **transferred to the Superior Court**.

Please STOP...

	If you have not yet received a small claims complaint and you have not filed an Answer to the complaint.
	If there has already been a judgment rendered.

Please PROCEED...

	If you are within the prescribed time limit of filing a Counterclaim and are filing an Answer.
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FORMS Needed:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Claims Counterclaim/Reply to Counterclaim
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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Complete the form(s)
- 2) Make copies of the answer form and counterclaim form. The court will require an original of each and you may wish to have copies; additionally each named plaintiff will need a copy.
- 3) File papers with the court clerk
- 4) Pay the answer fee (\$24.00). There is no fee for the counterclaim.
- 5) Mail the copies to the plaintiff(s).

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARTIES KEEP THE COURT APPRISED OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS A NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS form must be filed with the court when a party changes their address.

Visit us at www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/justicecourts for additional filing information and online forms.

Plaintiff or Attorney for Plaintiff

Address

Maricopa County Justice Courts, State of Arizona

CASE NUMBER: _____

Plaintiff(s) Name / Address

Defendant(s) Name / Address

SMALL CLAIMS COUNTERCLAIM / REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM

DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

In addition to my ANSWER to plaintiff's complaint, I counterclaim for the amount stated, for the following reasons:

Date: _____

Defendant/ Counterclaimant

I CERTIFY that I mailed a copy of this COUNTERCLAIM to the Plaintiff at the above address.

Date: _____

By: _____
Defendant / Counterclaimant

PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM:

I do not owe the defendant, because:

Date: _____

Plaintiff / Counter-defendant

I CERTIFY that I mailed a copy of this REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM to the Defendant at the above address.

Date: _____

By: _____
Plaintiff / Counter-defendant